Chapter 19 Guided Reading Section 1: Poland

1. Describe this quote in your own words, “If you cannot prevent your enemies from swallowing you, at least prevent them from digesting you”. What does this mean to Poland?
2. Why is national identity an important trait in Eastern Europe?
3. How does the land in Poland help them keep their identity?
4. What dominates the Polish landscape?
5. How has religion changed in Poland over the course of history? What is the dominate religion now?
6. Explain the Holocaust.
7. What religion was almost wiped out by the Germans?
8. How were the Nazis able to control the Jews?
9. Describe the concentration camps.
10. What happened to Poland as the Soviets took over?
11. Explain the role of the Catholic Church in communist Poland.
12. How did the Solidarity union effect Polish government in 1989?
13. What problems did Poland incur after the communist government was replaced by a democratic one?
14. Who was elected president in 1990? Where have you heard of this man before?
15. How did the economy effect Lech Walesa’s time as president?